

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Wilton,

New Hampshire
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YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1881.

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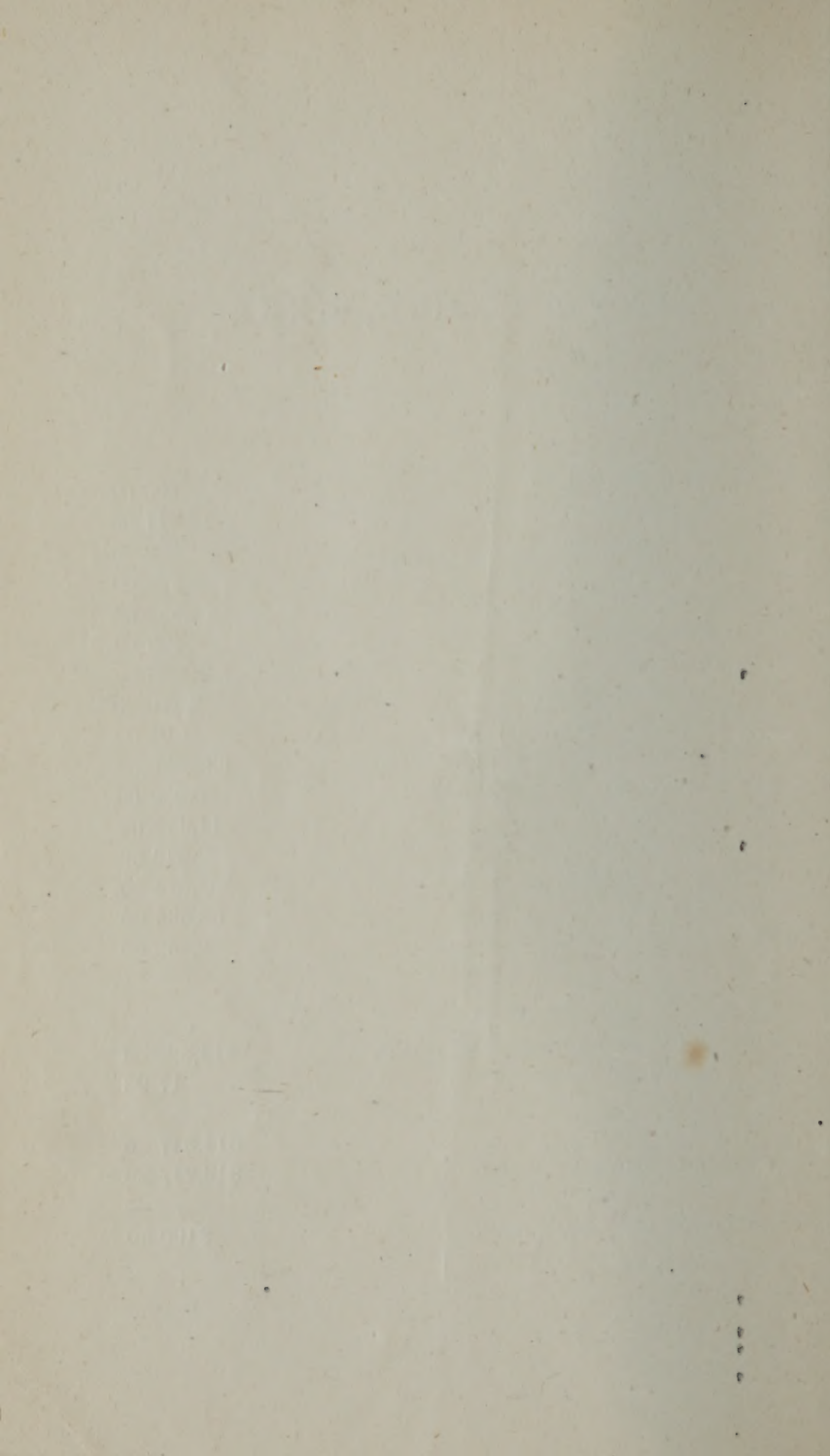
INVENTORY, 1880.

No. of Polls, 437, value,	\$43,700 00
“ “ Horses, 266, “	18,017 00
“ “ Mules, 2, “	100 00
“ “ Oxen, 107, “	4,885 00
“ “ Cows, 938, “	21,409 00
“ “ Sheep, 147, “	499 00
“ “ Hogs, 299, “	2,966 00
“ “ Carriages, 28, value,	2,370 00
“ “ Dogs, 87, Tax,	91 00
Improved and unimproved lands, value,	632,689 00
Public Funds, “	25,050 00
Stocks in State, “	11,440 00
Stocks out of State, “	2,240 00
On hand or at Interest, “	68,574 00
Stock in Trade, “	33,635 00
Mills, “	2,450 00

Amount of Tax committed to Collector,	\$14,329 33
“ “ Interest collected,	17 93

Receipts from Town Treasurer,	\$14,347 26
	\$14,247 26

Remaining on Collector's Book,	\$100 00
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REPORT OF THE

SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending March 1, 1881.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
District No. 1,	\$92 77	\$202 64
“ “ 2,	48 48.	100 41
“ “ 3,	41 36	76 39
“ “ 4,	407 70	800 32
“ “ 5,	40 00	79 76
“ “ 6,	40 49	74 64
“ “ 7,	33 63	71 82
“ “ 8,	46 68	94 34
“ “ 9,	66 42	134 88
“ “ 10,	19 92	32 38
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	\$837 45	\$1,667 58
		837 45
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Total amount for Schools,		\$2,505 03

BREAKING ROADS—WINTER OF 1879-80.

Geo. L. Dascombe,	\$3 69
J. H. Hutchinson,	9 01
L. A. Tarbell,	1 95
J. M. Herlihy, (1881)	4 37
A. N. Holt,	2 17

Jacob Putnam,	2 00	
John Pollard,	4 50	
	—	\$27 69

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Chas. Forsaith,	\$4 05	
John R. Sheldon,	5 00	
R. J. Frye,	1 10	
	—	\$10 15

REPAIR OF BRIDGES.

J. & H. H. Livermore, bridge plank,	\$70 00	
H. N. Fisher, " pins,	31 50	
F. D. Cook, lumber,	96 78	
H. E. Follett, "	27 60	
C. A. Emerson, labor,	264 87	
D. Whiting & Sons, material,	72 93	
J. R. Sheldon, labor,	6 37	
J. P. Chandler, "	12 24	
O. P. Russell, painting,	5 26	
J. H. Frye, teaming,	5 00	
C. H. Lewis, labor,	9 75	
C. A. Bales, bolts, iron, &c.,	31 50	
J. & H. H. Livermore, plank,	82 22	
D. E. Proctor, nails, paints, &c.,	41 19	
D. Whiting & Sons, lumber,	70 02	
John A. Sheldon, labor,	2 62	
Nashua & Lowell R. R., freight,	53 42	
	—	\$883 27

OVERTAX AND ABATEMENTS.

Sumner Blanchard, overtax (poll)	\$1 78
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A. W. Sheldon, over tax,	5 60	
Jonathan Livermore, " (poll)	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$8 98

LIBRARY.

A. M. Pendleton, for library,	\$250 00	
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WATERING TROUGHS.

H. N. Gray, use of water,	\$3 00	
H. & J. E. Gray, use of water,	3 00	
Mrs. James Smith, " "	3 00	
Geo. Boynton, " "	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

District No. 9,	\$125.00	
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

O. P. Russell, painting Engine House,	\$23 26	
W. D. Stearns, for Engine Co. No. 1,	138 00	
Chas. Hesselton, " " " 2,	96 00	
W. P. Putnam, steward &c.,	12 00	
F. P. Kent, alcohol,	4 50	
D. E. Proctor, supplies No. 1,	15 24	
" " Milford Fire Co.,	9 45	
G. W. Wallace, suction hose,	105 90	
J. P. Chandler, steward Engine House No. 2,	10 00	
G. W. Wallace, expenses Engine Co. No. 1,	6 30	
	<hr/>	\$420 65

TOWN OFFICERS.

I. S. Lincoln, Supt. School Committee,	\$52 00
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M. Kennedy, police services,	15 00	
C. B. Burt, " "	15 00	
S. Blanchard, " "	15 00	
G. W. Wallace, services treasurer,	50 00	
A. A. Ramsey, collector,	120 00	
W. D. Stearns, clerk,	45 00	
Geo. Blood, supervisor,	10 00	
J. F. Frye, " "	10 00	
G. W. Boynton, " "	10 00	
John A. McGregor, services as selectman and bridge committee,	85 00	
Geo. H. Keyes, services selectman and bridge committee,	105 00	
Calvin H. Lewis, services selectman bridge committee, and overseer poor,	92 75	
		<hr/> \$624 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry Trevitt, attendance Mrs. Riney, (old bill,)	\$20 00
M. V. B. Greene, stationery &c.,	4 74
S. N. Center & Son, printing town and school reports,	39 00
S. N. Center & Son, school books,	6 69
W. A. Jones, return of births and deaths,	4 75
J. Fleeman, " " "	11 75
H. Trevitt, " " "	2 25
Nashua Cement Pipe Co., pipe,	21 83
D. Cragin, damage on highway,	10 00
S. K. Foster, street lamps,	3 15
C. B. Burt, repair of lobby,	1 75
S. N. Center & Son, printing check lists &c.,	13 00
Geo. H. Hopkins, watching fire,	1 50
D. E. Proctor, rent of Depot Hall,	50 00
" " " oil and can for street lamps,	14 22

A. E. Jaques, stamps and stationery,	2 37	
G. W. Wallace, expense to Concord,	5 00	
W. B. Foster, street lamps &c.,	1 61	
Wilton Savings Bank, rent,	75 00	
W. D. Stearns, copying,	4 00	
Geo. Blood, rent of barn,	10 00	
Michael Kennedy, lighting street lamps,	14 10	
A. A. Ramsey, non-resident high way receipts,	15 55	
C. H. Burns, counsel and fees in law suit,	264 00	
A. F. Stevens, " " "	225 00	
F. G. Clark, " " "	50 00	
C. B. Burt, attendance at court,	9 10	
H. Trevitt, " " "	25 00	
Selectmen, court expenses,	272 08	
	—————\$	1,177 44

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. E. Hartshorn,	\$140 00	
Isaac Frye,	78 00	
D. M. Ray,	86 50	
Rufus Burns,	85 51	
Dr. J. Fleeman, medical attendance, D. O'Neal,	10 00	
Mrs. Barry,	8 34	
W. A. Jones, medical attendance, L. Darling,	2 00	
	—————	\$410 35

RECAPITULATION.

For Schools,	\$2,505 03
Breaking roads,	27 69
Repair of Highways,	10 15
" Bridges,	883 27

Overtax and abatements,	8 98	
Library,	250 00	
Watering troughs,	18 00	
School house tax,	125 00	
Fire department,	420 65	
Town officers,	624 75	
Miscellaneous,	1,177 44	
Support of poor,	410 35	
	— —	\$6,455 31
Paid on orders, per Treasurer's report,		6,455 31

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MCGREGOR, } Selectmen
 GEORGE H. KEYES, } of
 CALVIN H. LEWIS, } Wilton.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen since the fire of January 20, 1881, and find them correct.

MOSES CLARK, } Auditors.
 H. A. WHITING, }

Wilton, Feb. 22, 1881.

The great fire of January 20, 1881, destroyed all the records and fixtures in the Selectmen's room which made it impossible for the Selectmen to furnish vouchers for the Auditors for orders drawn before the fire.

JOHN A. MCGREGOR, } Selectmen
 GEO. H. KEYES, } of
 CALVIN H. LEWIS, } Wilton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash reported in Treasury March 1, 1880,	\$3,638 67
To cash borrowed of Calvin Carlton,	600 00
“ “ Abel Hesselton,	700 00
“ received, Collector for 1879 in full,	17 04
“ borrowed of Betsey F. Holt,	600 00
“ “ John A. McGregor,	600 00
“ “ W. K. McGregor,	200 00
“ “ A. A. Ramsey,	500 00
“ received of Selectmen for rent of Green place,	2 00
“ received, principal and interest on note,	303 10
“ received of Selectmen for Cemetery lot,	5 00
“ received of Selectmen from County,	55 00
“ borrowed of Benjamin Hopkins,	3,000 00
“ received of Selectmen for rent of Green place,	1 00
“ received of Selectmen for bridge plank, &c.,	8 60
“ received, Insurance tax,	11 25
“ “ Railroad “	467 93
“ “ Savings Bank tax,	1,318 83
“ “ Literary fund,	115 07
“ “ Selectmen for the Green place,	60 00
“ received of Selectmen for lumber left from bridge,	37 10
“ received of W. D. Stearns for license on billiard table,	19 00
“ received of Collector for 1880,	14,247 26
	\$26,506 85

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To cash paid principal and interest on		
bonds, Nos. 88, 90, 94, 97,	\$2,168 00	
“ “ principal and interest on		
bonds, Nos. 60, 61, 62,	3,150 00	
“ “ principal and interest on		
bonds, Nos. 72, 99,	1,071 50	
“ “ A. A. Ramsey, principal		
and interest,	503 84	
“ “ John A. McGregor, principal		
and interest,	605 67	
“ “ principal on bond No. 22,	500 00	
“ “ County tax,	2,204 69	
“ “ W. K. McGregor principal		
and interest,	205 20	
“ “ Calvin Carlton principal	50 00	
“ “ State tax,	2,312 00	
“ “ Interest on bonds,	2,469 00	
		\$15,239 90
To cash paid orders drawn by Selectmen,		6,455 31
		<hr/> \$21,695 21
Balance in Treasury,	\$4,811 64	
Due from Collector for 1880,	100 00	
		<hr/> \$4,911 64

Demands Against the Town March 1, 1881.

Bonds, principal and interest,	\$39,975 00
Calvin Carlton note and interest,	573 61
Abel Hesselton “ “	728 00
Betsey F. Holt “ “	623 00

Benjamin Hopkins note and interest.	\$3,065 75	
	————	\$44,965 36
Deduct amount of available means,		4,911 64
		————
Net indebtedness March 1, 1881,		\$40,053 72
“ “ “ 1, 1880,		42,698 33
		————
Decrease during the year,		\$2,644 61

G. W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and vouchers have been presented for the amounts paid out.

H. A. WHITING, }
 MOSES CLARK, } Auditors.

Engineers Report.

Schedule of Fire Apparatus belonging to the Town of Wilton.

Engine House at East Wilton which contains the following fire apparatus and fixtures. Engine No. 1 with hose carriage complete, with 4 buckets, 1 axe, 1 spade, 1 iron bar, 1 ice chisel, 26 feet of suction hose, 400 feet leather leading hose, 500 feet cotton rubber lined hose, 3 discharge pipes, 1 blunderbuss, 3 rubber coats, 16 spanners and belts, with 43 men.

The Engine House has the following fixtures: One stove and boiler for engine room, 6 lanterns, 5 bracket lamps, 3 ladders, 17 1-2,—26 and 30 feet, 2 fire hooks and fixtures, 2 cans, 1 oil can, 2 water pails, &c., 1 cottage stove for hall, 10 settees, 1 chandelier with 4 lamps, 1 stand lamp, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 pump and sink.

AT FRENCH VILLAGE.

Engine No. 2 with hose carriage complete, with 2 buckets, 2 axes, 1 shovel, 1 iron bar, 24 feet suction hose, 400 feet cotton rubber lined leading hose, 100 feet leather hose, 1 discharge pipe, 1 blunderbuss, 14 spanners, 8 belts, 3 wrenches, 3 rubber coats, with 27 men.

The Engine house has the following fixtures: One stove and pipe, 1 boiler, 2 oil cans, 1 jug, 1 oiler, 1 pail, 1 broom 3, ladders, 17,—20 and 30 feet, 2 fire hooks and fixtures, 6 lanterns, 1 stove and pipe for hall, 9 settees, 3 chairs, 1 table.

Both Engines are in our opinion in perfect condition, and ready at any time to do service. The hose and all other fire apparatus is also in good condition.

DAVID WHITING,
JOEL HESSELTON,
GEO. W. BOYNTON,
GEO. W. WALLACE,
D. E. PROCTOR,

Board of Fire Engineers of the Town of Wilton.

Report of the Library.

The Ninth Annual Report of Wilton Public Library is little more than a record of disaster. Till within a few days the Library was in a very prosperous condition. It was in excellent order. The average yearly circulation of books had been maintained, one hundred and eight books had been added, and more were about to be purchased. It had a good income, and bade fair to be of increasing use for many years to come, when on the morning of Jan. 20th, 1881, it was totally consumed by fire. Not a book or article of any kind in the Library room escaped destruction.

As the annual meeting was at hand when the books were to be called in for examination, there were fewer than usual in circulation. Only 138, so far as is known, had not been returned. As the record books have all perished it is not possible at this date to know whether there are others in the hands of readers or not. Fifty-two new volumes had been purchased, but not delivered. Of more than 3,100 carefully selected volumes only 190 remain. These, with two ancient books which had been given as curiosities and one or two articles of furniture that chanced to be elsewhere are all that is left of a property which it would require more than \$4000 to replace.

Such is the melancholy record. We feel that it is one of the severest of the many calamities that have befallen the town. But we trust that in the nine years of its existence the library has rendered so much service and pleasure to young and old alike that it will not be allowed permanently to perish; but, that, rising from its ashes, there will be in Wilton another, and even a better library, with amplier accommodations made reasonably safe from the enemy which has twice destroyed it.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

On hand from last year,	\$24 01	
From town of Wilton,	250 00	
Interest,	250 00	
Fines and sales of cards, about	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$549 01

EXPENSES.

Books and binding,	\$177 69	
Librarian,	150 00	
Rent,	50 00	
Book supports,	8 05	
Wood,	5 00	
Express,	1 05	
Oil, stationery and sundries, about	6 75	
Destroyed with library, about	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$413 49
Balance,		\$135 52

A. M. PENDLETON, *Treasurer.*

MISS P. J. BARRETT,	}	Trustees.
D. B. NEEDHAM,		
G. H. KEYES,		
H. A. WHITING,		
MOSES CLARK,		
C. H. BURNS,		
E. G. WOODMAN,		
A. M. PENDLETON,		
*W. A. JONES,		

*Dead.

Wilton, Feb. 1, 1881.

SEXTONS REPORT

OF THE

DEATHS AND INTERMENTS,

FOR THE YEAR 1880.

- January 15, Mary H. Colby, aged 79 years. Interred in Bennington.
January 28, Mary Hesselton, aged 66 years and 3 months.
January 31, Frank P. Haggett, aged 26 years and 11 months.
January 31, David Gregg, aged 63 years and 9 months.
February 12, Charles A. Eaton, aged 17 years, 3 months and 20 days.
February 15, Charles Spalding, aged 81 years and 3 months.
March 12, Leonard Moore, aged 80 years and 2 months.
March 17, Edward Tupper, aged 86 years and 6 months.
March 18, Rebecca C. Russell, aged 62 years and 5 months.
March 24, Hannah L. Holt, aged 68 years and 6 months.
April 5, Charles Eaton, aged 58 years and 8 months.
April 22, Willie G. Richardson, aged 23 years. Interred in Westford, Mass.
April 23, L. E. Burt, aged 1 year and 8 months.
April 24, Hannah H. Melendy, aged 55 years and 6 months. Died in Lowell, Mass.
May 3, Robert C. Warner, aged 11 days.
May 23, Jane C. S. Twiss, aged 53 years.
June 16, Hattie U. Burnham, aged 10 years. Interred in Milford.
June 21, Augustus Cragin, aged 77 years and 11 months.
July 11, Mary N. Woodward, aged 52 years. Died in Milford.
July 29, Annie A. Carlton, aged 2 months and 6 days.
August 4, Uzziel Sheldon, aged 80 years and 7 months.
August 12, Annie L. Mansur, aged 13 months and 2 days.
September 6, Cora Burt, aged 21 years. Died in Amherst.
September 22, Micah Hartshorn, aged 87 years, and 2 months. Died in Lyndeborough.
October 5, Gracie N. Sanborn, aged 1 year and 2 months. Died in Milford.
October 9, Sumner Blanchard, aged 74 years and 6 months. Interred in Temple.
October 21, Infant child of F. M. Lund.
November 12, Emily E. Dascomb, aged 41 years and 9 months.
December 18, William A. Jones, aged 51 years and 11 months.
December 24, Eliza S. Daniels, aged 61 years and 9 months.

Deaths in Wilton in the year 1880, - 36
Aggregate age, 1232 years, 7 months and 7 days.
Average age, 47 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC BLANCHARD, } Sextons.
WM. H. BARNES, }

Report of Schools in Wilton,

BY SUPERINTENDENT.

DISTRICT NO. I.

G. A. Davison, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught by Miss Annah E. Burnham during the year. Length of first term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 22; average daily attendance, 19.25; percentage of attendance, .92; cases of tardiness, 2. Wages of teacher per month, \$32.00.

Length of second term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 23; average attendance, 21.81; percentage of attendance, .98; cases of tardiness, 4. Wages of teacher per month, \$32.00.

The winter term was 8 weeks in length; number of pupils, 26, and the average attendance, 23.43; percentage of attendance, .91; instances of tardiness, 46. Wages of teacher per month, \$36.00.

Whole length of school terms, 31 weeks; number of different scholars during the year, 18 boys, 11 girls; total, 29. Number of visits by school committee, 6; by prudential committee, 3; by citizens and others, 94.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Nathan Cragin, Prudential Committee.

There were two terms of this school, both under the instruction of Mrs. Clara A. Cram. Length of first term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 16; average attendance, 13.43; percentage of at-

tendance, .90 ; instances of tardiness, 19. Wages of teacher per month, \$22.00.

Length of second term, 12 weeks ; number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, 11.33 ; percentage of attendance, .87 ; instances of tardiness, 28. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.00.

Number of different scholars during the year, 16 ; aggregate length of terms, 22 weeks. Number of visits by school committee, 4 ; by prudential committee, 5 ; by all others, 23.

DISTRICT NO. III.

S. C. Kimball, Prudential Committee.

Miss Katie S. Curtis, of Lyndeborough, teacher. The length of the first term was 8 weeks, the number of pupils, 5 ; the average attendance, 4.65, and the percentage, 93. Wages of teacher, \$20.00,

Length of second term, 12 weeks : number of scholars, 7 ; average attendance, 6.76 ; percentage, .96. Wages of teacher, \$26. But one instance of tardiness during the year. Whole length of terms, 20 weeks ; different scholars, 4 boys, 3 girls, total, 7. Visits by school committee, 3 ; by prudential committee, 2 ; by others, 25.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

John Gage, Prudential Committee.

In each department there have been three terms, the first of which was 10 weeks in length, the second 8 weeks, and the third 12 weeks, making an aggregate of 30 weeks in each department.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Miss Martha A. Putnam, teacher. First term, number of pupils, 37 ; average attendance, 30.50 ; percentage of attendance, .87 ; instances of tardiness, 12. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.00.

Second term, number of pupils, 41 ; average attendance, 30.35 ; percentage, 84 ; cases of tardiness, 14. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.00.

Third term, number of pupils, 29 ; average attendance, 19.91 ; percentage, .83 ; 14 instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher.

per month, \$30.00. Number of different scholars, 18 boys, 30 girls; total 48. Number of visits by school committee, 5 ; by prudential committee, 1 ; by all others, 149.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT— Miss Anna E. Frye, teacher. First term, number of pupils, 40 ; average attendance, 34.89 ; percentage, .94 ; cases of tardiness, 2. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.00.

Second term, number of scholars, 38 ; average attendance, 28.17 ; percentage, .83 ; cases of tardiness, 7 ; teacher's wages, \$28.00.

Third term, number of scholars, 33 ; average attendance, 27.16 ; percentage, .85 ; tardiness, 10 ; teacher's wages, \$30.00.

Number of different scholars, 22 boys, 22 girls ; total 44 ; visits by school committee, 6 ; prudential committee 1 ; by all others, 32.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Miss Mary L. Kimball, of Milford, teacher for the first term. Number of scholars, 36 ; average number attending, 32.79 ; percentage, .91 ; instances of tardiness, 35. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.00.

Second term taught by Miss Eleanor B. Stetson, of Nashua. Number of scholars, 38 ; average number attending, 31 ; percentage, .88 ; cases of tardiness, 16. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.00.

Miss Stetson taught six weeks of the winter term. Owing to sickness, she was obliged to resign, and Miss Myrta M. Jones taught the remaining six weeks. Number of scholars, 33 ; average number attending, 29.23 ; percentage, .93 ; cases of tardiness, 26. Teacher's wages per month, \$30.00.

Number of different scholars, 23 boys, 18 girls ; total, 41. Visits by school committee, 9 ; by prudential committee, 2 ; by all others, 180.

HIGH SCHOOL—taught by Miss Vina A. Dole of E. Washington.

First term, number of scholars, 30 ; average number attending, 26.86 ; percentage, .96 ; tardiness, 12. Wages per month, \$38.00.

Second term, number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 22 ; percentage, .92 ; tardiness, 22. Wages of teacher, \$40.00.

Third term, number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 24 ; percentage, .92 ; tardiness, 106. Wages of teacher, \$45.00. Number of different scholars, 17 boys, 18 girls ; total, 35.

Visits by school committee, 8 ; prudential committee, 1 ; all others, 133.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Harris Abbott, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught by Miss Emily H. Abbott during the year. Length of first term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12.50; percentage, .98; tardiness, 0; teacher's wages per month, \$20.00.

Length of second term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 13.51; percentage of attendance, 97; tardiness, 4. Wages of teacher, \$20.00.

Length of third term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 14.31; percentage, .90. Wages of teacher, \$20.

Whole length of school terms, 28 weeks. Different scholars, 8 boys, 10 girls; total 18. Visits by school committee, 6; by prudential committee, 3; all others, 94. The board of the teacher for 28 weeks was contributed by citizens of the district.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Wilbur E. Barrett, Prudential Committee.

Miss Elsie C. Barrett teacher. First term, length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils, 5; average attendance, 4.35; percentage, .95; no instances of tardiness. Teacher's wages, \$20.00.

Length of second term, $10\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; number of pupils, 3; average attendance, .3; percentage, 1.00. No mark for non-membership, absence, tardiness or dismissal. Wages of teacher, \$24.00.

Whole length of school terms, $18\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; number of different scholars, 3 boys, 2 girls; total, 5. Visits by school committee, 3; by prudential committee, 3; all others, 20.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

C. M. Batchelder, Prudential Committee.

Miss Clara Burton, of Temple, teacher. Length of only term, 12 weeks. The school is still in session.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Samuel W. Smith, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lora ~~W. Smith~~ teacher. The length of the first term was 8 weeks; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 19.76; percentage, .96; instances of tardiness, 19. Wages of teacher, \$24.00.

Length of second term, $11\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 27.48; percentage, .95; instances of tardiness, 87. Wages of teacher, \$28.00. Aggregate length of terms, $19\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; number of different scholars, 13 boys, 17 girls; total, 30. Visits by school committee, ~~4~~; by prudential committee, 2; by all others, 68.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Albert Carlton, Prudential Committee.

Miss Julia A. Stevens teacher. Length of first term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 17.17; percentage, .99; cases of tardiness, 9. Wages of teacher, \$22.00.

Length of second term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 17.69; percentage, .96; instances of tardiness, 18. Wages of teacher, \$22.00.

Third term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13.54; percentage, .93; tardiness, 7. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

Aggregate length of terms, 28 weeks; number of different scholars, 10 boys, 12 girls; total 22. Visits by school committee, 6; by prudential committee, 4; all others, 90.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Joel H. Perham, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lizzie R. Kidder, of South Lyndeboro', teacher. Length of first term, 6 weeks: number of pupils, 5; average attendance, 5; percentage, 1.00.

Length of second term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 7; aver-

age attendance, 6.15 ; percentage, .97 ; no instances of tardiness during the year. Wages of teacher both terms, \$16.00.

Whole length of terms, 14 weeks ; different scholars, 2 boys, 5 girls; total 7. Visits by school committee, 4 ; by prudential committee, 1 ; by all others, 10.

NAMES OF

Scholars Neither Absent nor Tardy.

DISTRICT NO. I

Three terms. Arthur W. Davison, Marian L. A. Whitney.

Two terms. George F. Carlton, Lillian E. Davison.

One term. Harry P. Holt, Harvey Emery, Lucy V. Gray,
Arthur H. Russell.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Two terms. Maud French

One term. Minnie Brooks, Nora Driscoll.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Two terms. Bessie M. Herrick.

One term. Nellie M. Hartshorn, Fannie M. Kimball, Frank
B. Kimball.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

PRIMARY SCHOOL—Two terms. Charlie W. McKay.

One term. Charlie Carter, James Kennedy, Patsy Kennedy,
Jimmie O'Donnell, Mary Balcom, Lillie B. Dawson, Ida J. Winn,
Maggie Kelley.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL—Two terms. Ed. G. Ingalls, Minnie
J. Ward.

One term. Dora B Bales, Blanche Burns, Harvey E. Carter, Eddie Eaton, Eddie J. Gould, Dannie Kelley, Mary Kelley, Michael Kennedy, Mary Mellen, Nellie Mahony, Frank McCarthy, Bessie Kent, Gussie Putnam, Lulie Sumner, Hattie Sumner, Mary O'Donnell.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Three terms Edward F. Kent, Addie McKay.

Two terms. Chester P. Bales, Sammie E. Blanchard, Katie E. Tighe.

One term. George P. Baldwin, Scottie E. Foster, Frank W. Lund, Frank E. Proctor, Willie H. Emerson, Herbert Barker, Rockwell C. Wood, Maude Harrison, Jessie B. Kent, Anne A. Ramsey, May P. Stearns.

HIGH SCHOOL—Three terms. Alice B. Clarke.

Two terms. George S. McKay, Mabel Putnam.

One term. Warren E. Foster, Walter F. Gage, Allen L. Barker, Fannie Whiting, Mabel G. Blood, Stella P. Beard, Grace M. Blanchard, Abbie M. French, Mabelle Emerson.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Three terms. Perley J. Abbott, Florence H. Abbott.

Two terms. Charles G. Abbott, Harry H. Clark, Henry J. Hurley, James H. Hurley, Hattie B. Clark, Abby F. Clark.

One term. George F. Badger, Angie E. Parkhurst.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Two terms. Willie A. Herlihy, Katie J. Herlihy.

One term. Henry P. Herlihy.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Still in session.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Two terms. Lizzie May, Florence Ring.

One term. Fred Smith, Joseph Keyes, Eddie Keyes, Cora Holt, Josie Keyes, Gracie Frye, Linnie Frye, Hattie Holt, Gertrude Ring, Mary May, Nettie May, Jennie May.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Two terms. Henry G. Whitney, Lottie A. French, Lizzie B. Patterson.

One term. Edward W. Hesselton, George E. Frye, James E. Whitney, Flora B. Hutchinson, Etta F. Chandler, Abbie A. Elliott.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Two terms. Rosa A. Perham, Fannie G. Perham, Ada S. Perham, Polly M. Perham, Lizzie A. Perham.

REMARKS.



The true object of common schools is to assist parents in the right intellectual and moral education of their children, that thus they may acquire that knowledge on a variety of subjects, and those habits of thinking and acting which shall fit them to act well their part in the varied spheres of life. To gain this object fully there must be harmoniously concentrated upon it the interest and influence of parents, children, teachers and superintendents. That is, all outside and inside influences must be the right kind and degree. To be sure the great leading factor is the teacher, well qualified for the place. The art of teaching successfully is a great attainment and should take rank among the finest of all arts. The accurate, clear communication of knowledge is far more difficult than its acquisition, hence, teachers need special training for their work, the art of teaching. It has been very truly said, by a distinguished writer, "It takes a very wise person to teach children and fools."

In conclusion, I am happy to say that general prosperity has attended our schools the past year. The graded school, with four departments in District No. 4, was somewhat impeded in its progress the second term by the prevalence of measles. On this account the term closed three weeks sooner than usual. The teachers and scholars have, very generally, done their part well, and not a few, nobly.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SUMNER LINCOLN,

Superintendent of Schools in Wilton, N. H.

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